TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"*J. R.*"—The height of buildings for the purpose of the Buildings Act is measured from the surface of lowest floor up to underside of the ceiling of topmost story, at the highest part. If no ceiling, to underside of tie-beam or collar-beam.

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"*A. M.*"—We know of no "committee of gentlemen before whom a person can pass an examination and thereby be qualified as a civil engineer, without having served his time with one of the profession."

Received.—"M. Soul." "W. S." "C. E." next week." "An Honest Englishman." "C. G." "V. I." "Bloxenbarji." "W. B." "J. W."

"*Books, Prices, and Addresses.*"—We have not time to point out books or find addresses.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

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1. It rapidly acquires the hardness of stone.
2. Unlike other internal cements, its hardness is uniform throughout its entire thickness.
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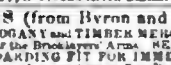

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